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1.

[REDACTED] the caserne of the 35th Mecz Regt at Bernau (N 52-40, E 13-35) 7 [REDACTED] an orientation briefing on various items of new Soviet equipment. The orientation was given by various [REDACTED] regimental officers

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Several of the new items were actually displayed while others were merely referred to in the discussion. When actual equipment was displayed, the items were usually held up by the instructor or assistant instructor

[REDACTED] Items

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[REDACTED] information [REDACTED]
on the new equipment [REDACTED]

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a. New Soviet Carbine 2. [REDACTED]

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Caliber

7.62 mm

Model Designation

Unknown

Length

[REDACTED] it was shorter
than the 7.62 mm M1944 carbine.

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c. New Machine Gun

[redacted] 25X1

Caliber Unknown

Model Designation Unknown

Weight Six and a half kilograms. [redacted] 25X1

Range Unknown

Muzzle Velocity Unknown

Feeding Belt-fed housed in a circular magazine with a capacity of 100 rounds. The magazine was attached at the bottom of the receiver.

Type of Fire Semi and full-automatic.

d. Anti-Tank Rocket Launcher ⁴

[redacted] See page 5 for a sketch of this weapon.) 25X1

Caliber Unknown

Bore Diameter 40 to 50-mm (estimated)

Length Approximately one meter.

Weight 1½ to two kilograms.

Firing Mechanism Mechanical. (No further details.)

Method of Loading Muzzle-loaded

Range Unknown but presumed to be 75 m because the sights were graduated up to 75 m. [redacted] 25X1

Ammunition No information

Markings No information

Basis of Issue One for each platoon. [redacted] 25X1

e. T-54 Tank

[redacted] 25X1

A T-34 tank was displayed to point out the parts which were comparable to those of the T-54 tank; only the outside of the tank was described. Orientation about the tank was given by a major (name unknown) of the 35th Mecz Regt. The major claimed to be a tank company CO (unit unknown) and stated that his unit would receive the T-54 Medium Tank [redacted] 25X1

Caliber of Gun 100 mm

Armor Heavier than T-34/85

Penetration Capable of penetrating the World War II German heavy Tiger Tank.

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Magazine Integral box - 10 round capacity.

Type of Fire Semi-automatic and gas-operated.

Range:

Maximum Five kilometers 25X1

Effective Three kilometers 25X1

Muzzle Velocity Unknown

Bayonet A permanent knife-type folding bayonet mounted under the barrel. When not in use, the point of the bayonet was positioned in a groove in the forward portion of the stock. a vigorous snapping action of the carbine would swing the bayonet out into the fighting position. 25X1

Ammunition 7.62 mm. 25X1
the round fitted both the carbine and the SMG described below.

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b. New Sub-Machine Gun

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Caliber 7.62 mm

Model Designation Unknown 3

Length Unknown

Weight Lighter than the 7.62 mm PPSH M1941 SMG

Magazine Curved box with a capacity of approximately 32 to 35 rounds.

Type of Fire Full and semi-automatic. A selector was positioned immediately in front of the trigger. This selector, a button, was pushed up for semi-automatic fire and released to the down position for full automatic fire. This selector was under spring tension.

Stock Wooden

Rate of Fire Unknown - Lower than the 7.62 mm PPSH M1941 SMG.

Ammunition 7.62 mm

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Speed:

Maximum 80 km an hour

Cross-country 40 km an hour

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f. New APC 6 x 6 and Half Track 5

[redacted] near Dauriya
(N 49-50, E 116-50) in the vicinity of Bureya (N 49-48, E 129-47),
[redacted] the 6th (?) Red Banner Mecz Div equipped with a new
6 x 6 Soviet armored personnel carrier. 6 The same chassis was
also used as a half track utilizing a track suspension system.
[redacted] both vehicles used the YAZ-200
chassis. / In addition, [redacted] the same vehicles using an
armored top instead of an open canvas covered top [redacted]

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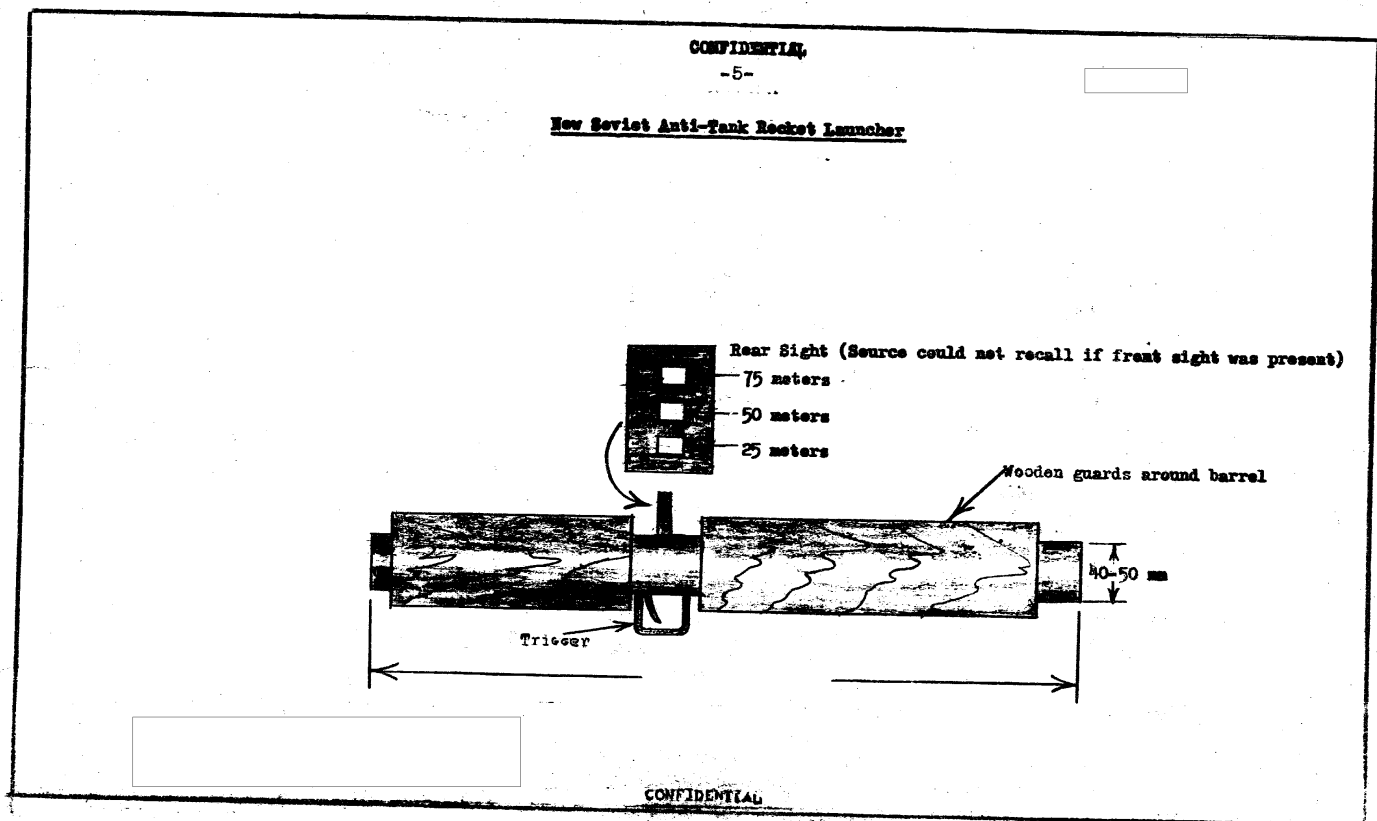
The half track suspension system consisted of one large road
wheel with two small wheels about half the size of the road wheel
mounted fore and aft. (see page 6).

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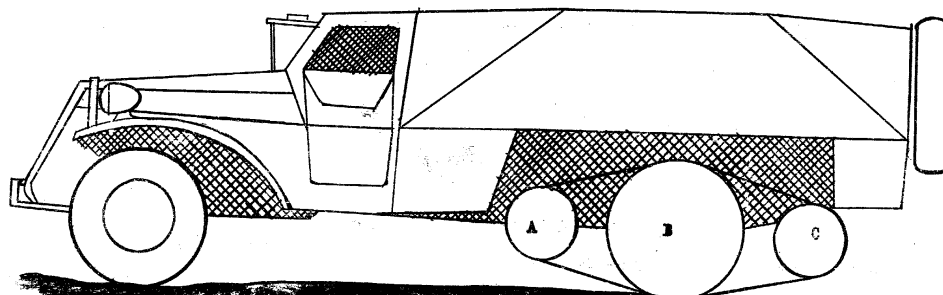
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New Soviet APC Half-Track



Note: [redacted] the 6 x 6 was the same except that in place of A, B, and C and the track, two sets of rear wheels were mounted near A and C. [redacted]

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